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S E C R E T BUENOS AIRES 7074

FOR VAKY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OAS NU VE AR
SUBJ: VENEZUELAN REQUEST FOR MFM ON NICARAGUA

REF: STATE 227730 AND BUENOS AIRES 7059 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY. ARGENTINA IS "RELUCTANT" ON MFM. THIS ACTION
WOULD BE A BAD PRECEDENT, MFA (BARBOZA) SAYS, AND BESIDES
THAT IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE WHAT ACTIONABLE RESOLUTION COULD
COME OUT OF A MEETING. MINISTRY IS LOOKING TO COSTA RICAN
INITIATIVE AS PROBABLY A BETTER ROAD TO TAKE. END SUMMARY.

1. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION CHIEF AT
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) (BARBOZA) TOLD US LATE
EVENING SEPTEMBER 8 THAT ARGENTINA IS "MOST RELUCTANT" TO
SEE MFM TAKE PLACE.

2. CALLING MFM, HE SAID, WOULD BE A "DANGEROUS
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"PRECEDENT" AND IN EFFECT BE "ON THE BRINK OF INTERVENTION,"
WHICH WOULD GO AGAINST ARGENTINA'S HISTORIC PRINCIPLES.

3. BARBOZA ALSO QUESTIONED WHAT PRACTICAL RESULTS
A MEETING COULD HAVE. COULD IT RECOMMEND SOMOZA RESIGN?
CREATION OF A "PEACE KEEPING FORCE"? YET NOT TO COME UP WITH
AN ACTIONABLE RESOLUTION WOULD WEAKEN OAS PRESTIGE.

4. MFA STILL LACKS FULL REPORT OF SEPTEMBER 7 DEBATE,
AND A FINAL DECISION ON MFM WILL NOT COME UNTIL MONDAY.
BARBOZA WAS CONVINCED HOWEVER NOT MUCH WOULD COME IN TO
LIGHTEN ARGENTINE RELUCTANCE.

5. BARBOZA SAID ARGENTINA HAS HOPES FOR THE COSTA
RICAN INITIATIVE, EVEN THOUGH MFA LACKS DETAILS. MIGHT
THE U.S. AND ARGENTINA JOIN, HE ASKED, IN PUSHING THIS
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